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Sanborn Urges Toronto Officials to Develop Alternatives to Dumping in Michigan

Sanborn resolution encourages cooperation between Michigan and Canadian officials

(LANSING) –Senator Alan Sanborn, R-Richmond, has recently introduced Senate Resolution 15, which calls for Toronto city officials to continue their efforts to develop alternatives to dumping trash in Michigan landfills. The Resolution also encourages Michigan and Canadian officials to work together in order to promote a response to the issue of solid waste throughout the Great Lakes basin area.

“It is in the best interest of both Michigan and Ontario to develop some solution to this ongoing problem,” Sanborn said. “The United States and Canada alike have an interest in protecting the Great Lakes.”

The Sanborn Resolution cites the numerous complaints of citizens and interest groups along the transportation route which is host to more than 130 trash-filled trucks per day. It also notes that solid waste management has too severe an environmental impact and relies too heavily on landfills.

“It would be sensible to adopt a basin-wide response to the solid waste issue,” Sanborn said. “Protecting our Great Lakes from long-term problems related to waste disposal can only be achieved through cooperation and planning.”

Pending approval of the Committee on Natural Resources and the full Senate body, SR 15 requests that copies be forwarded to both the mayor and city council of Toronto as well as the Ontario Ministry of the Environment.

Sanborn has also co-sponsored Senate Concurrent Resolution 7 and Senate Resolution 12, which both address the issue of Canadian waste in Michigan. SCR 7 is similar to the Sanborn Resolution and has been sent to the House for consideration. Senate Resolution 12 calls for Congress to pass legislation that provides states with the authority to regulate or prohibit the importation of trash.